

SENATE—Thursday, April 13, 2000

The Senate met at 10:32 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today's prayer will be offered by our guest Chaplain, the Rev. Donald J. Harp, Jr., Peachtree Road United Methodist Church, Atlanta, GA.

We are glad to have you with us.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, the Rev. Donald J. Harp, Jr., offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, for this land of beauty and plenty, we offer our words of thanksgiving. For elected leaders who place the good of all above the wishes of a few, we offer our words of thanksgiving. For our citizens who offer thoughtful words of affirmation versus random words of criticism, we offer words of thanksgiving. Intercede, O God, with Your wisdom, in the decisions of this body. Grant wisdom, compassion, and vision, that decisions shall be based on truth, honesty, and fairness for all of our citizens. Bless, we pray, our executive branch, our Congress, and our judicial system with the gift of Your compassion for humanity as decisions are made. We pray in Thy Holy name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable MIKE CRAPO, a Senator from the State of Idaho, led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BUNNING). The Senator from Georgia is recognized.

WELCOME TO REV. DON HARP

Mr. CLELAND. Mr. President, I am very honored to host Reverend Don Harp of Atlanta as the guest Chaplain in the Senate today.

Reverend Harp was born in Fayette County, GA, and graduated from Fayette County High School.

He attended Young Harris Junior College before receiving his BA degree from Huntingdon College in Montgomery, AL. Reverend Harp then went on to earn his masters degree in divinity from Emory University in Atlanta, and his doctorate from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago.

He has served on the Carrollton, Georgia City Council, Mayor Bill

Campbell's Atlanta Advisory Committee, and the President's Advisory Council of Oglethorpe University.

He has received the Mary Mildred Sullivan Award from Brenau College in Gainesville, GA, and was a delegate to both the General and Southeastern Conferences of the United Methodist Church.

Reverend Harp has been a good friend and pillar of support for me over the years. As Tagore once said, "Faith is the bird that feels the light and sings when the dawn is still dark."

Reverend Harp taught me that faith in God sometimes requires strength, but God gives back that strength many times over.

I am proud to welcome my distinguished friend to the United States Senate today.

RECOGNITION OF ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Idaho is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, today the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 2 p.m. with the time until 12:30 p.m. for general statements and bill introductions. At 12:30 debate regarding the marriage tax penalty will occur prior to the cloture vote scheduled to occur at 2 p.m. Senators should be aware that if cloture is not invoked on the substitute, there will be a second cloture vote on the underlying measure. Therefore, there could be up to two votes at 2 p.m. Following the votes, the Senate is expected to consider the budget resolution conference report with a final vote expected this evening. I thank my colleagues for their attention.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 12:30 p.m. with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 5 minutes each. Under the previous order, the time between 10:30 and 10:45 a.m. shall be under the control of the Senator from Idaho, Mr. CRAPO, or his designee.

The Senator from Georgia.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 1838

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill due for its second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1838) to assist in the enhancement of the security of Taiwan, and for other purposes.

Mr. CRAPO. I object to further proceedings on this bill at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be placed on the calendar.

(The remarks of Mr. CRAPO and Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire pertaining to the introduction of S. 2417 are printed in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Hampshire is recognized.

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the time assigned to the Senator from Arkansas, Mr. HUTCHINSON, be given to me at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

FIGHTING DRUGS IN THE UNITED STATES

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I rise to speak about the issue of how we are fighting drugs in this country—specifically, the President's initiative relative to the country of Colombia in relation to our own initiatives on the southern border of our country.

I have the privilege to chair the committee that funds the INS, which includes the Border Patrol, DEA, the department of drug enforcement; and the judiciary. All three agencies, of course, of our Government have a significant role in the issue of drug enforcement and especially as it affects our southern border.

The President has asked for \$1.6 billion of new money—he has asked for it in an emergency format—to be sent to the country of Colombia, in order for Colombia to fight drugs and the production of drugs. That may well be a reasonable request. I have reservations on its substance, but I also have serious reservations as to its appropriateness in the context of the drug war that we as a Nation face. The reason is simple. When the President sent a budget up to address the agencies that